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SUBJECT: TRIAL OF ACCUSED TERRORIST GROUP IN ZAGREB

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1. SAME ATTORNEY, (SOURCE REFTEL) ELABORATED FURTHER ON TERRORIST GROUP IN A SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH CONSULATE OFFICER. ATTORNEY CLAIMED THAT THE GROUP IS COMPOSED OF 11 (VICE 10 AS IN REFTEL) WHO HAD IN THEIR POSSESSION US MADE WEAPONS CONSISTING OF ROCKET LAUNCHERS (PRESUMABLY BAZOOKAS), AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION INCLUDING ROCKETS.

2. ATTORNEY BELIEVED THAT THE ARMS, WHICH WERE PURCHASED IN WEST GERMANY, HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN STOLEN FROM U.S. INSTALLATIONS IN WEST GERMANY. HE SAID GROUP CONTAINED "REAL KILLERS" WHO PLANNED ACTS OF ASSASSINATION AND OTHER TERRORIST ACTIVITIES. HE CLAIMED TWO MEMBERS HAD SERVED PREVIOUSLY WITH MERCENARY FORCES IN THE CONGO.

3. ATTORNEY ASSERTED THAT THE TRIAL WILL BE HELD "IN CAMERA" WITH ONLY ATTORNEYS AND WITNESSES PRESENT. HE STATED HE HAD BEEN STRICTLY ENJOINED BY THE PRESIDING JUDGE NOT TO DISCUSS CASE.

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4. COMMENT: IT IS NOT CLEAR TO US WHY HE VIOLATED THIS IN-

JUNCTION, OTHER THAN PERHAPS TO IMPRESS US WITH HIS KNOWLEDGE
AND TO INGRATiate HIMSELF WITH US. WE ALSO NOTE AN APPARENT
DISCREPANCY IN THE AGES OF THE GROUP. ORIGINALLY HE TOLD
US THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP WERE IN THEIR EARLY 20'S;
NOW HE CLAIMS THAT TWO HAD BEEN MERCENARIES IN THE CONGO WHICH
WOULD MAKE THEM OLDER.
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